Guide to the Woman Suffrage in Maryland Collection MS 04

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Summary Information

Repository	Enoch Pratt Free Library Special Collections
Title	Woman Suffrage in Maryland Collection
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1904-1910
Date [inclusive]	1884 - 1928
Extent	5.0 Linear feet 7 boxes
Language	English
Abstract	The Woman Suffrage in Maryland papers document some of the meetings, events, people, and publications involved in the struggle to enfranchise women in Maryland, and in a small part, the nation. The collection covers the period from 1884 to 1928 but largely focuses on the time period of 1904-1910. This is not a complete study of woman suffrage; rather it focuses more heavily on a view of Emma Maddox Funck, her role in the fight, and some of the milestones in Maryland's part of the suffrage struggle. The collection consists of correspondence, convention brochures, legal materials (1912-1928), scrapbook, ephemera, meeting minutes, and pamphlets and newspapers (1884-1920).

Preferred Citation

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Biographical History

Emma Maddox Funck (nee Maddox) was born on November 19, 1853 to John Maddox and Susannah Benton Moore Maddox of Baltimore, MD. Emma was one of three girls; her sister Etta being Maryland's first female lawyer. Graduating from Eastern High School and then Peabody Conservatory of Music, Maddox Funck became known in music circles but she did not choose it as a career.

Instead, Maddox Funck became interested in women's rights. In 1894 she became a member of the Baltimore Suffrage Club and the National Woman Suffrage Association. From 1897 until 1920, she was president of the Baltimore Suffrage Club located on West Franklin Street. The Club moved its headquarters in 1908 to North Gilmore Street and in 1912 to the corner of Baltimore and Carey Streets. When the Maryland Woman Suffrage Association was formed in 1904, Maddox Funck became the President and served in that capacity until 1920. The Baltimore headquarters became the center of activity for Maryland suffrage.

Activities for the Association came in the form of Sunday afternoon meetings (some that featured nationally-known suffrage leaders, such as Dr. Anna Howard Shaw and Mrs. Florence Kelley), parlor meetings (gatherings in women's homes to discuss suffrage progress elsewhere), and petitioning Congress with pleas to endorse suffrage for women. The Maryland Woman Suffrage Association never persuaded Maryland legislators to amend the state constitution to allow women to vote, but in 1920 women suffragists received their reward when the Suffrage Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified by enough states (although never Maryland) to become law.

Immediately, Maddox Funck and others started the Maryland Federation of Republican Women in 1921. She even ran for office twice, once in 1923 for Legislature and then for the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas in Baltimore, though she was never elected. She was also a part of the Women's City Club that opened at 15 East Mount Vernon Place in 1928.

Emma Maddox married Dr. J. William Funck in 1892 at the age of 39. They never had any children, which biographers feel may have been the reason she was able to dedicate her life to her volunteer work. She died on March 21, 1940 at the age of 86. Emma Maddox Funck, though not widely known in national woman suffrage history, paved the way for women to vote, choose political careers, and gain equal opportunities in the home and community throughout Maryland.

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Arrangement

I. Correspondence, 1903-1906 This first series includes letters from Susan B. Anthony to Funck and letters or notes that Funck wrote. The notes from Funck are not dated, addressed to anyone, or complete. There is also a thank you for condolences sent by Susan B. Anthony's sister, Mary S. Anthony to Funck. The letters are arranged chronologically.

II. Convention Brochures, 1898-1920 The convention brochures are announcements and handouts presented to those in attendance of various programs on women suffrage throughout Baltimore. There are also written invitations to Funck and the Maryland Association of Women Suffrage to attend certain events. This series is arranged chronologically.

III. Legal Materials, 1912-1928 Series three consists of a letter from Senator Frick's office explaining the rejection of the Woman Suffrage Amendment to the Constitution which was relayed in the House Journal for March 5, 1920 and a Municipal Bill for the Enfranchisement of Taxpaying Women in Baltimore. This series is arranged chronologically.

IV. Emma M. Funck's Scrapbook, undated This is a scrapbook of notes and newspaper articles that Funck collected over the years about Woman Suffrage. The scrapbook has no written date and it appears that she clipped articles over a period of time. The processor has made a preservation photocopy of the scrapbook in the order that she found it. The original copy is too fragile for patrons to handle.

V. Meeting Minutes, 1897-1910 This series consists of meeting minutes from the Woman Suffrage Association of Maryland. Preservation photocopies are supplied for the 1909 Meeting Minutes, as the originals are too fragile to handle. Some of the sheets have separated from the book so those meeting minutes with no dates are located after the dated meetings. The minutes are not complete for all years. This series is arranged alphabetically.

VI. Ephemera, 1908-1910 The ephemera includes pins given to Emma Maddox Funck, newspapers, and a sash that reads "Votes for Women." There is also an autograph book with quotes and signatures of women regarding the right to vote. Most notably, Susan B. Anthony appears in the book.

VII. Pamphlets and Newspapers, 1884-1920 Series VII contains pamphlets from various sides of the woman suffrage debate. The Just Government League of Maryland published some of the materials. Also included in this series are issues of the Maryland Suffrage News and one issue of the Baltimore News. These document some of the events in the Maryland, as well as the national, chapters of the Woman's Suffrage Movement.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Enoch Pratt Free Library Special Collections October, 2002

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Accruals

No accruals are expected.

Source of Aquisition

The provenance of the Woman Suffrage in Maryland papers is unknown. The materials consist mostly of personal papers of Emma Maddox Funck, the President of the Maryland Association of Woman Suffrage, but there is no documentation that she or any of her family members donated the items to Enoch Pratt Free Library. The collection is called the Woman Suffrage in Maryland because the materials cannot specifically be linked to Mrs. Funck. Although the materials largely document Mrs. Funck and her Maryland association’s involvement, they do tell a part of the story of the nationwide struggle for woman suffrage.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Eastern High School (Baltimore, Md.).
- Maryland Suffrage News.
- Peabody Conservatory of Music.
- Woman Suffrage Association of Maryland.

Genre(s)

- Brochures
- Correspondence
- newspapers
- pamphlets

Geographic Name(s)

- Maryland (state)

Personal Name(s)

- Anthony, Mary S.
- Anthony, Susan B. (Susan Brownell) , 1820-1906
- Funck, Emma Maddox, Mrs., 1853-1940

Subject(s)

- Campaign buttons
- Women--Suffrage--Maryland
- Women--Suffrage--Maryland--Baltimore
- Women--Suffrage--United States

Collection Inventory

Series I: Correspondence 1903-1906	**Box** 1	**Folder** 1-2
	Box	**Folder**
Susan B. Anthony Letters, 1903	1	1
Emma Maddox Funck Correspondence, 1906- ?	1	2
Series II: Convention Brochures 1898-1920	**Box** 1	**Folder** 3-4
	Box	**Folder**
Convention Brochures, 1900-1920	1	3
Meeting Invitations, 1906-1916	1	4
Series III: Legal Materials 1912-1928	**Box** 1	**Folder** 5
	Box	**Folder**
Legal Materials, 1912-1928	1	5
Series IV: Emma Maddox Funck's Scrapbook, n.d.	**Box** 1-2	**Folder** 6-7
	Box	**Folder**
Emma Maddox Funck's Scrapbook, Part 1	1	6
Emma Maddox Funck's Scrapbook, Part 2	1	7

Original Scrapbook of Emma Maddox Funck (JK1883.M3 W6)	2	1
Scrapbook Fragments	2	2-3
Series V: Meeting Minutes, (JK 1883.M3 W6) 1897-1910	**Box** 3-4	**Folder** 1-3
		Box
Bound Volume of Meeting Minutes, 1897-1902		3
	Box	**Folder**
Bound Volume of Meeting Minutes, 1904-1910	4	1
Photocopied Meeting Minutes, 1909	4	2
Original Bound Volume of Meeting Minutes, 1909	4	3
Series VI: Ephemera 1908-1910	**Box** 5	**Folder** 1-8
	Box	**Folder**
60th Anniversary of the Annual Convention of State and National Woman Suffrage Association Pin October 13- 21, 1908	5	1
Dedication Exercises for Medical and Chirurgical Faculty Pin May 13, 1909	5	2
42nd Annual Convention, N.A.W.S.A. pin, April 1910	5	3
Capitol Building, Washington, D.C. Pin	5	4

Flag Pin	5	5
International Congress of Hygiene and Demography Pin	5	6
Votes for Women Pin (3)	5	7
Votes for Women Pin	5	8

Series VII: Pamphlets and Newspapers 1884- 1920		**Box** 6-7
	Box	**Folder**
Pamphlet, “Extending the Right of Suffrage to Women,” 1884	6	1
Pamphlet, “A Protest Against the Granting of Municipal Suffrage to Women in the City of Chicago,” 1906	6	2
Pamphlet, Illinois Association Opposed to Women Suffrage Bulletins (2, 8, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19), 1909-13	6	3
Pamphlet, “Facts and Fallacies About Woman Suffrage”	6	4
Pamphlet, “In Favor of Votes for Women”	6	5
Pamphlet, “Objections to Woman Suffrage Answered”	6	6
Pamphlet, “The Injustice of the Federal Suffrage Amendment”	6	7
Pamphlet, “The Political Duty of Mothers”	6	8

Pamphlet, “The Relation of Woman Suffrage to the Home and to Morality”	6	9
Pamphlet, “What Have Women Done With the Vote?”	6	10
Maryland Suffrage News, November 23, 1912	7	1
Maryland Suffrage News, December 7, 1912	7	2
Maryland Suffrage News, March 22, 1913	7	3
Maryland Suffrage News, June 13, 1914	7	4
Maryland Suffrage News, October 3, 1914	7	5
Maryland Suffrage News, October 24, 1914	7	6
Maryland Suffrage News, December 26, 1914	7	7
Maryland Suffrage News, January 2, 1915	7	8
Maryland Suffrage News, January 9, 1915	7	9
Maryland Suffrage News, February 27, 1915	7	10
Maryland Suffrage News, May 29, 1915	7	11

Maryland Suffrage News, June 26, 1915	7	12
Maryland Suffrage News, April 1, 1916	7	13
Maryland Suffrage News, April 17, 1920	7	14
Baltimore News, February 24, 1913	7	15
The Sun, “Women and the Ballot, Second Day’s Session of the Suffrage Conference – Rev. Anna H. Shaw Speaks,” April 20, 1898	7	16
The Sun, “Women Would Find a Way Out of the Difficulty Without the Horrors of War,” April 20, 1898, in four parts	7	17
The Sun, “Women Would Fight, Those of This Country Will Give Battle to All of Their Sex Spain May Send,” April 20, 1898,	7	18
The Sun, “Would Like to Vote, Woman’s Suffrage Advocates Assemble in Conference,” April, 1898, in three parts	7	19
Maryland Suffrage News, page 84, “The Suffrage Map,” “Status of Woman Suffrage,” article undated. Information from 1869-1914	7	20
Note; signed by B. Brown, Anna H. Shaw, Belle Kearney, Belva A, Lockwood. Feb. 11 – Feb. 25. 1910	7	21
Note; signed by Rachel Foster Avery, Larelys F. Barker. Nov. 23, 1908	7	22

Note; signed by Ella S. Steinart, Laura Clay. Nov. 28, 1918	7	23
Signature of A. Cobdue- Sauderson, undated	7	24
Note; signed by Susan B. Anthony. 1820 – 1916	7	25
Note; signed by E. Gloria Pankhurst. March 28, 1911	7	26